TO: Indiana Judicial Officers

FROM: Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard

and the Judicial Education Committee

RE: Indiana Judicial College *Master's Certificate* Program

DATE: June 21, 2002

The Indiana Judicial Center is pleased to announce the creation of an advanced judicial education opportunity for the more experienced judicial officer entitled the "Indiana Judicial College *Master's Certificate* Program." Any judicial officer who has graduated from the Indiana Judicial College is eligible to participate by submitting a Notice of Participation form.

The Master's Certificate will require the completion of an additional 120 hours of designated Judicial College courses including no less than 30 hours in courses designated "Master's Credit Only." Also, each participant must complete (or have previously completed) the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges. Finally, participants must submit an acceptable article, paper or other writing on a legal topic of choice prepared either specifically for Master's Certificate credit or for any other purpose so long as it is written after admission into the program.

The program will officially commence at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference in September. Questions may be directed to Cathy Springer or members of the Judicial College Subcommittee of the Judicial Education Committee, including Chair Earl Penrod, Douglas Morton, Margret Robb and Ted Todd. Many thanks to the subcommittee members for all of their hard work on this new program!